MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): It is stated in the answer to part (*b*) that 'correspondence from Heads of Departments is confidential'. Am I to understand that schemes for the reorganisation of Departments, and correspondence relating to such schemes, are confidential and cannot therefore be placed on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; they cannot be placed on the table before Government have considered them.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): So, it is only after the Government have considered these schemes that they could be placed on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, surely.

Work of the Irrigation Committee.

56. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Irrigation Committee appointed by them has submitted its report;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, when the report is expected to be ready;

(*c*) how many meetings the Committee has already held; and

(*d*) what work the Committee is now (18-4-1106) engaged in?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) By the end of Minam 1106.

(*c*) Six meetings till 18-4-1106.

(*d*) The Committee is now engaged in collecting the necessary evidence to enable it to prepare its report for submission to Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the kind of evidence that is now being collected by the Committee? Is it oral evidence, or statements in writing, or inspection by the Committee?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They are taking oral evidence.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are they examining witnesses?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Provident fund for Vernacular School teachers.

57. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the representations made in the Legislative Council, regarding the introduction of Provident Fund for Vernacular School teachers, will the Government be pleased to state whether any action has been taken in the matter, and, if so, what?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; the matter is receiving the attention of the Director of Public Instruction.

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